Remarks

Applicant submits that this Amendment after final rejection places the remaining claims of this application in condition for allowance by amending those claims in manners that are consistent with the allowed claims. Furthermore, the Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment should only require a cursory review because the claim amendments presented herein do not significantly alter the scope of the claims – only made it consistent with allowed claims. Consequently, the claim amendments should not require any further search by the Examiner.

Office Action, Paragraph 1

Noted.

Office Action, Paragraph 2

Claims 14, 15, 18, 19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xing et al. (US 6,844,109) in view of Kaneta (US 7,029, 789), Clarke (US 4,646,430), Kaneta (US2003/0124416) and Biegger (US 4,879,187), collectively referred to as "the cited art".

With respect to claim 14, claim 14 is amended to include features that are not anticipated or obvious in view of the cited art. In particular, its scope is similar to that of the combination of the allowed claims 1, 2, and 5. Specifically, claim 14 as amended recites that "[the] clamp case having two ends, [and] wherein there is an extruding part on each of the ends". The cited art does not teach a clamp case and does not teach the use of a case with an extruding part. The extruding part helps secure the core to the case as recited in the specification (page 12, line 17 to page 13, line 1). Furthermore, claim 14 as amended recites subject matter (e.g., an extruding part of a clamp case) that substantially overlaps with subject matter in the previously presented claim 1, an allowable claim. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claim 14 as amended overcomes the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection, and is in condition for allowance.

With respect to claims 15, 18, 19, and 21, these claims are at the very least in condition for allowance since they depend from claim 14 as amended, an allowable claim as argued above. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection be reconsidered.

Office Action, Paragraphs 3-4

Claims 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xing in view of Kaneta '789, Clarke, Kaneta '416 and Biegger as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of Yamaura et al. (US 6,426,164).

With respect to claims 20 and 22, these claims are at the very least in condition for allowance since they depend from claim 14 as amended, an allowable claim as argued above. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection be reconsidered.

Office Action, Paragraph 5

Claims 16 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With respect to claims 16 and 17, these claims are at the very least in condition for allowance since they depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 14 as amended, an allowable claim as argued above. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection be reconsidered.

Office Action, Paragraph 6

It is noted that claims 1-13 are allowed.

Office Action, Paragraph 7

Noted.

Office Action, Paragraph 8

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It is argued in the Office Action that claim 1 recites an extruding part of a clamp case that the other independent claim 14 does not.
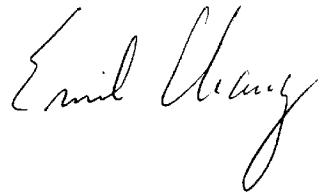
Claim 14 is amended to recite an extruding part of a clamp case.

Office Action, Paragraphs 9-13

Noted.

The Applicant submits that the original claims, the previously presented claims, the claim as amended, and the explanations provided above place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned attorney. The Examiner is thanked for his/her assistance.

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